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SUBJ: AMERICAN SPECIALIST - GLORIA BLACKWELL

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1. POST HOPES MRS BLACKWELL WILL CONSIDER ONE/TWO-DAY VISIT TO BANJUL DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS APRIL, FOLLOWING AFRICAN REGIONAL AMERICAN STUDIES CONFERENCE IN LAGOS. EMBASSY WOULD ATTEMPT PROGRAM HER FOR ONE EVENING LECTURE, PERHAPS AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL. SHE AND HUSBAND WOULD ALSO HAVE OPPORTUNITY MEET LEADING GAMBIANS WITH INTEREST IN HER FIELD.

2. EMBASSY HAS UNOFFICIALLY DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF VISIT WITH PERMSEC, MIN/EDUCATION, WHO WAS QUITE ENTHUSIASTIC. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH EXPLANATORY LETTER TO HIM.

3. PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP WHETHER MRS BLACKWELL ABLE TO VISIT BANJUL, FIRM TRAVEL DATES, ANY THOUGHTS SHE MIGHT HAVE ON PROGRAM FOR BANJUL, OTHER GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE. WE PRESUME MRS BLACKWELL WILL BE BRIEFED ON EXTENT OF OUR FACILITIES HERE, AND ABSENCE USIS STAFF IN COUNTRY. WYGANT

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